

***Digest of SME Statistics – Kyrgyz Republic  
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*In the Kyrgyz Republic, 2002 showed a 10% reduction in the number of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises from the prior year according to official government statistics. However, those same statistics showed a marked increase in the number of businesses classified as Individual Entrepreneurs of Peasant Economic Entities. While the number of firms and employment decreased, the contribution of SME's to overall GDP increased slightly in both absolute and percentage terms.*

Officially, there were 6,893 Small and 866 Medium-sized businesses in 2002 compared to 2001 figures of 7,555 and 1,024, respectively. Reductions in the number of SME's were seen in every industry segment with the largest absolute reduction in the Trade; vehicle and appliance repair industry segment from 3,065 in the prior year to just 2,791 in 2002. The largest percentage reduction was 25% in the Education segment from 111 to 83. The details by industry segment are shown in Table 2.

The same statistics showed an overall decrease in employment by SME's from 113.9 thousand employees in 2001 to just 91.5 thousand in 2002. Of those 91,500 employees, the most were in the Manufacturing (32.5), Construction (18.2), and Trade; vehicle and appliance repair (15.8) industry segments. The reduction of SME Employment was from 5.4% to 5.0% of the total labor force. See Table 1 for Summary Data and Table 3 for Industry Breakdown.

Table 1

**TOTAL NUMBER OF SME'S AND TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY SME'S**

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Number of entities operating</b>	<b>181,126</b>	<b>204,566</b>	<b>381,810</b>
Small enterprises	7,557	7,555	6,893
Medium enterprises	1,011	1,024	866
Individual entrepreneurs	101,395	111,295	122,525
Peasant (farming) economic entities (footnote 1)	71,163	84,692	251,526
<b>Employment, thousands of employees (footnote 2)</b>	<b>214.3</b>	<b>225.2</b>	<b>214.0</b>
Small enterprises	46.6	47.6	41.7
Medium enterprises	66.3	66.3	49.8
Individual entrepreneurs	101.4	111.3	122.5
<b>Employment as a % of the total labor force (footnote 2)</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>11.8</b>
Small enterprises	2.6	2.7	2.3
Medium enterprises	3.7	3.7	2.7
Individual entrepreneurs	5.7	6.2	6.8
<b>COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEAR (% of prior year)</b>			
<b>Number of entities operating</b>	<b>110.5%</b>	<b>112.9%</b>	<b>186.6%</b>
Small enterprises	94.5%	100.0%	91.2%
Medium enterprises	100.7%	101.3%	84.6%
Individual entrepreneurs	107.0%	109.8%	110.1%
Peasant (farming) economic entities (foot note 1)	118.4%	119.0%	297.0%
<b>Employment (Footnote 2)</b>	<b>101.3%</b>	<b>105.1%</b>	<b>95.0%</b>
Small enterprises	100.9%	102.1%	87.6%
Medium enterprises	93.9%	100.0%	75.1%
Individual entrepreneurs	107.0%	109.8%	110.1%

(1) Data adjusted to reflect results of the National Census of Agribusinesses. Data includes individual agro entrepreneurs

(2) Data does not include people employed by peasant (farming) economic entities

Table 2

**TOTAL NUMBER OF SME'S -- BREAKDOWN BY INDUSTRY**

(Year-end data)

	2000	2001	2002
<b>TOTAL (footnote 3)</b>	<b>8,568</b>	<b>8,579</b>	<b>7,759</b>
Small enterprises	7,557	7,555	6,893
Medium enterprises	1,011	1,024	866
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>334</b>
Small enterprises	288	303	280
Medium enterprises	43	60	54
<b>Mining</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>
Small enterprises	56	59	56
Medium enterprises	7	5	7
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>1,563</b>
Small enterprises	1,561	1,464	1,373
Medium enterprises	199	230	[90
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>
Small enterprises	31	38	38
Medium enterprises	8	11	6
<b>Construction</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>761</b>
Small enterprises	666	666	649
Medium enterprises	136	130	112
<b>Trade; vehicle and appliance repair services</b>	<b>3,215</b>	<b>3,065</b>	<b>2,791</b>
Small enterprises	2,938	2,817	2,551
Medium enterprises	277	248	240
<b>Accommodation and food services</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>179</b>
Small enterprises	201	193	156
Medium enterprises	33	33	23
<b>Transportation and telecommunications</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>551</b>
Small enterprises	476	530	449
Medium enterprises	152	150	102
<b>Finance</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>95</b>
Small enterprises	157	111	90
Medium enterprises	11	8	5
<b>Real estate, rental and leasing</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>851</b>
Small enterprises	697	808	774
Medium enterprises	73	74	77
<b>Education</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>83</b>
Small enterprises	77	89	73
Medium enterprises	23	22	10
<b>Health care and social assistance</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>121</b>
Small enterprises	91	119	112
Medium enterprises	9	12	9
<b>Social and personal services</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>311</b>
Small enterprises	303	344	281
Medium enterprises	36	41	30

(3) Translator's note: data in the table does not agree with this total.

Table 3

**SME EMPLOYMENT BREAKDOWN BY INDUSTRY**

*(Thousand people employed, averages throughout the year)*

	2000	2001	2002
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>112.9</b>	<b>113.9</b>	<b>91.5</b>
Small enterprises	46.6	47.6	41.7
Medium enterprises	66.3	66.3	49.8
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>8.8</b>
Small enterprises	3.0	3.4	3.2
Medium enterprises	4.3	6.3	5.6
<b>Mining</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Small enterprises	0.5	0.6	0.6
Medium enterprises	0.8	0.5	0.9
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>32.3</b>
Small enterprises	14.8	14.5	13.8
Medium enterprises	19.8	19.6	18.5
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Small enterprises	0.4	0.4	0.4
Medium enterprises	0.7	1.3	0.6
<b>Construction</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>18.2</b>
Small enterprises	7.8	7.8	7.7
Medium enterprises	13	12.5	10.5
<b>Trade; vehicle and appliance repair services</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>15.2</b>
Small enterprises	9.8	9.4	8.7
Medium enterprises	7.4	6.2	6.5
<b>Accommodation and food services</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Small enterprises	0.9	0.9	0.7
Medium enterprises	0.8	0.9	0.6
<b>Transportation and telecommunications</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Small enterprises	4.5	5	1.8
Medium enterprises	15.1	14.6	3.1
<b>Finance</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Small enterprises	0.5	0.4	0.3
Medium enterprises	0.3	0.2	0.1
<b>Real estate, rental and leasing</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Small enterprises	2.6	3.1	2.7
Medium enterprises	2	2.1	2.1
<b>Education</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Small enterprises	0.4	0.4	0.3
Medium enterprises	0.7	0.7	0.3
<b>Health care and social assistance</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Small enterprises	0.3	0.4	0.4
Medium enterprises	0.2	0.3	0.2
<b>Social and personal services</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Small enterprises	1.1	1.3	1.1
Medium enterprises	1	1.1	0.8

In 2002, SME's contributed 14.6% of the GDP of the Kyrgyz Republic, a small increase from 14.3% in 2001. The increase was due to the increased value delivered by Medium-Sized Enterprises. That group's increased output from 4.6 million Kg Soms to over 5.2 million Kg Soms offset the reduction of output among Small Enterprises. Small enterprise output fell from 6 million to just 5.7 million Kg Soms. See Table 4 for details in Kg Soms and US dollars.

Table 3

**TOTAL GROSS VALUE ADDED BY SME'S**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Gross added value, mln. soms</b>	<b>27,907.7</b>	<b>31693</b>	<b>33324.4</b>
<b>Gross added value, US \$ at 43.9 /NBKR/ 25.11.03</b>	<b>635.7</b>	<b>721.9</b>	<b>759.09</b>
Small enterprises, mln. soms	6,012.8	5,982.8	5,745.2
Small enterprises, US \$ at 43.9 /NBKR/ 25.11.03	137.0	136.3	130.9
Medium enterprises, mln. Soms	4,378.9	4,600.2	5,217.1
Medium enterprises, US \$ at 43.9 /NBKR/ 25.11.03	99.74	104.8	118.8
Individual entrepreneurs, mln. Soms	6,993.3	9,907.2	9,493.1
Individual entrepreneurs, US \$ at 43.9 /NBKR/ 25.11.03	159.3	157.3	216.2
Peasant (farming) economic entities, mln.soms	10,522.6	11,202.8	12,869.0
Peasant (farming) economic entities, US \$ at 43.9 /NBKR/ 25.11.03	239.7	255.2	293.1
<b>Gross added value in % of the GDP</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>44.3</b>
Small enterprises	9.2	8.1	7.7
Medium enterprises	6.7	6.2	6.9
Individual enterprises	10.7	13.4	12.6
Peasant (farming) economic entities	16.1	15.2	17.1

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The National Statistics Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic provided the statistics in this report. They define Small businesses as those employing up to 50 people. Medium businesses employ more than 50, but less than 200.